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1. PRESS QUESTION RAISED IN AUGUST 14 PRESS BRIEFING PERTAINED TO LONGSTANDING COMMERCE DEPARTMENT PRACTICE OF CIRCULATING IRAQI (AND OTHER ARAB) TENDER MATERIALS CONTAINING BOYCOTT LANGUAGE. DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE ON AUGUST 15 REFERRED QUESTIONER TO COMMERCE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION ON DETAILS OF SPECIFIC TENDER WHICH WAS IRAQI INVITATION TO BID ON SUPPLY OF PREFAB HOUSING. COPY BEING POUCHED. OUR RESPONSE MADE CLEAR THAT U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY IS TO OPPOSE BOYCOTT AND THAT WE IN NO WAY SUPPORT

OR CONDONE THE OPERATION OF THE BOYCOTT.

2. COMMERCE DEPT IS IN PROCESS OF ISSUING NEW REGULATION ON PROCESSING OF TENDER MATERIALS CONTAINING BOYCOTT LANGUAGE. REGULATION WILL ASSURE THAT USERS OF SUCH

DOCUMENTS WILL BE FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH U.S. POLICY, WHICH

INCLUDES REQUESTS TO FIRMS THAT THEY NOT COMPLY WITH BOYCOTT

TENDER MATERIALS CONTAINING LANGUAGE WHICH DISCRIMINATES

ON BASIS OF RELIGION, ETHNIC BACKGROUND, RACE, OR SEX

WILL CONTINUE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED BY

THE USG. COPIES OF NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE SENT BY AIRGRAM WHEN ISSUED. ROBINSON

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